

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A polymer blend of an ethylene- α -olefin-diene rubber and a conjugated diene rubber suitable for use as a replacement for unblended EPDM rubber in automotive applications. The rubber blends of the present invention comprise

- 5 a high molecular weight EPDM rubber, a conjugated diene rubber, and a low molecular weight, high ethylene content EPDM rubber that functions as a compatibilizer. The resultant blend exhibits physical properties, including tensile and tear strength, that are comparable to conventional EPDM rubbers, while maintaining the excellent heat and weather resistance possessed by
- 10 EPDM rubbers.

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